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POLAND: Military-Party Relations

Relations between the military and the party are showing signs of strain. [REDACTED]

Increasing frustration among military officials over party ineffectiveness is reflected in a comment by the military mayor of Warsaw that the party is a "pigsty." Party functionaries, on the other hand, are becoming more disturbed by the military's growing appetite for political power. Politburo member Olszowski recently declared that he has "had enough" of the military. [REDACTED]

Premier Jaruzelski, meanwhile, continues to expand the military's role in ruling the country. Over the last six months, the regime has given more power to the provincial military commissars, installed many military officers as provincial governors, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition, a brigadier general replaced a longtime party official as first secretary in Poznan, and the government reportedly plans more such replacements. [REDACTED]

Military authorities also continue to oversee most government agencies and ministries and often exclude party officials from the decisionmaking process. A nationwide review by the military of civil servants has resulted in some firings. [REDACTED]

Comment: Most party officials recognize that the party is currently incapable of governing and appear resigned to a long period of martial law. Nevertheless, many regard the military's policies as a direct threat to their power and perquisites. Internal bickering between the party and military authorities will divert attention from the problems of economic recovery and prolong the confusion and inaction in the policymaking bureaucracy. [REDACTED]

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